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SERVICING FUNCTIONS THAT REQUIRE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MULTIPLE SERVERS

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5 "Integrated Identity and Access Management Systems With Group and Organization
Managers," filed on December 22, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/285,524,
"Integrated Identity and Access Management System," filed on April 20, 2001; both of which
are incorporated herein by reference.

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15 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention is directed to technology for providing communication between
multiple servers.

20 Description of the Related Art

Identity Systems have become more popular with the growth of the Internet and the
use of networks and other information technologies. In general, an Identity System provides
for the creation, removal, editing and other management of identity information stored in
various types of data stores. The Identity information pertains to users, groups, organizations
25 and/or things. For each entry in the data store, a set of attributes is stored. For example, the
attributes stored for a user may include a name, address, employee number, telephone